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Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re:

Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless

47 C.F.R. § 54.209(a) Progress Report

CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless, enclosed please find a public version of SouthernLINC Wireless's annual progress report submitted pursuant to section 54.209(a) of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 C.F.R. §54.209(a). A separate, non-redacted version of the report was filed along with a request for confidential treatment. If you have any questions regarding this filing please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Devin L. Crock

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September 25, 2008

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, N.W., Room TW – B204 Washington, DC 20554

> RE: Southern Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless 47 C.F.R. § 54.209(a) Progress Report CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Southern Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless ("SouthernLINC Wireless") hereby submits its Progress Report in accordance with Section 54.209 of the FCC's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 54.209. The designation of SouthernLINC Wireless as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") became effective on August 1, 2008. Therefore, unless otherwise specified below, this report covers the period from August 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008, which covers the time period during the reporting year October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008, during which SouthernLINC Wireless (Study Area Code 259010) was an ETC.

- (1) Five Year Plan Section 54.209(a)(1): The ETC designation of SouthernLINC Wireless became effective on August 1, 2008, and thus SouthernLINC Wireless has yet to receive any universal service support. The initial Five (5) Year Service Quality Improvement Plan of SouthernLINC Wireless is attached hereto as Attachment 1.
- (2) <u>Service Outages Section 54.209(a)(2)</u>: SouthernLINC Wireless has not experienced any service outages, as that term is defined in 47 C.F.R. § 4.5, of 30 minutes or greater in duration for any of the service areas in which it is designated an ETC.
- (3) <u>Service Requests Section 54.209(a)(3):</u> SouthernLINC Wireless has not received any requests for service from potential customers within any of the service areas in which it is designated an ETC that it could not fulfill.



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(4) <u>Service Complaints – Section 54.209(a)(4):</u> SouthernLINC Wireless received two complaints from customers, which represents .007764 complaints per 1,000 handsets.

The certifications required by Sections 54.209(a)(5) through 54.209(a)(8) are attached hereto as Attachment 2.

Please contact the undersigned at (678) 443-1541 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Rosenthal

Director, Legal & External Affairs

SouthernLINC Wireless

ATTACHMENT 1

* REDACTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION *

Attachment 2



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Southern Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless Certifications Required by 47 C.F.R. §54.209 -- CC Docket No. 96-45

This certification is submitted on behalf of Southern Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless ("SouthernLINC Wireless") in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.209(a)(5)-54.209(a)(8). On behalf of SouthernLINC Wireless (Study Area Code 259010), I, Robert G. Dawson, hereby certify that SouthernLINC Wireless:

- is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules;
- is capable of functioning in emergency situations as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.201(a)(2);
- offers a local usage plan comparable to that offered by the incumbent LEC in its service areas; and
- understands that the Commission may require it to provide equal access to long distance carriers in the event that no other eligible telecommunications carrier is providing equal access within the designated service areas of SouthernLINC Wireless.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on September 25, 2008.

Robert G. Dawson

President & CEO, Southern Communications Services,

Inc. d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless

SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED before me this 25 day of September 2008.

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My Commission Expires: July 6,2010

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